To the Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP

I have read the report of the UNESCO Advisory Mission and agree with its principal finding that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site and that a southern bypass route should be further explored.

The Mission submitted in its report that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the World Heritage Site boundary.

National Highways has simply reiterated many of the arguments it has raised previously to justify a scheme which is clearly unacceptable to:

- The Government's independent specialist examiners,
- UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, and
- the former Transport Secretary himself who agreed with the examining panel that the scheme would be "significantly adverse" overall.

The High Court has rendered a judgment quashing the Development Consent Order, in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives.

National Highways' response thus far fails to alleviate any of the above concerns.

l continue to object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be abandoned.

Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the scheme, I trust that it will be subject to another formal public Examination so that all of the new information submitted by National Highways and others since 2020 may be fully and openly discussed, and taken into account and advised upon by the Government's independent Planning Inspectorate.

Thank you,

Michael Hill